

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
May 15, 2007
I.B.E.W., Local #1 Hall

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council was called to order by President Robert Soutier at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2007.

President Soutier led the delegates in the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance to our country's flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier called on delegate Bernie Ryan, I.B.E.W., Local #1, who introduced Boy Scout Troop Leader Kevin Harrison and Scouts Steven Hedgrick and Andrew Casteux. Both boys are in the process of obtaining the American Labor Merit Badge. Bernie spoke on the importance of the achievement.

ROLL CALL

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Donald Giljum, Jeff Aboussie, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Rick Smith, John Stiffler, Pat White and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Roger Poole and David Zimmermann.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called John Finder and John Hopkin, Bricklayers' Union Local #1, and Alfreda McNeal, United Steelworkers Local #9014, to the podium and gave them the oath of office to represent their local unions as Delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the April 17, 2007 minutes were available to all delegates as they entered the hall. The following delegates asked to have their names added to the April attendance list: Don Osiek and Ken Truemper, GCC/IBT 6-505M; Mike Chenot, Gus Frank and Pamela Stepney, Letter Carriers #343; Joseph Feldman, Sheet Metal Workers #36; Mark Boyle, U.S.W.-Gas Workers 11-6; Richard Dury and Judy Eggers, U.S.W. 11-194. One delegate asked to have the name of his union, Transport Workers Union, corrected in the April minutes. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the April 17, 2007 meeting minutes as amended.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President Soutier reported on preparations for the Labor Day Parade and advised the delegates that this year we will have a theme of "Labor Supports Our Troops". President Soutier asked that all unions wear the

same red, white and blue t-shirts. Soutier indicated that pricing from the vendors who bid on the shirts would be sent out to affiliates.

President Soutier reminded the delegates to stay informed on legislation that will come in the final days of the legislative session and asked them to remain active and continue calling and writing their representatives.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

President Soutier called upon Vice President John Ebeling to read the Executive Board Report as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Location: Machinist's District No. 9
May 10, 2007

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Robert A. Soutier.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Don Giljum, Jeff Aboussie, Nancy Cross, Herb Dill, Tony Ellebracht, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Roger Poole, Gary Reay, (John Reynolds for Mark Woolbright) John Stiffler, and Patrick White.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Jim Dougherty, Gerald Feldhaus, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Joe Schonlau, Rick Smith, and David Zimmerman.

Also present was Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune.

President Soutier introduced Herb Elam and Amy Jeep from Union Plus Mortgage for a presentation on the benefits of obtaining a home mortgage from Chase Bank.

President Soutier informed the Board that there would be a discussion on "identity theft" at the July 2007 Board meeting.

Soutier handed out the five bids for the Labor Day Parade shirts and advised the Board that each affiliate will get the same packet with prices.

President Soutier reminded the Board about the Union Reps luncheon which is our annual BBQ and golf outing on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at the Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562.

President Soutier spoke on the upcoming Labor Summit to be held June 10 through 13 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Soutier advised the Board that the Kelley Group has helped to raise money to offset costs at the Summit and will be given special recognition at the meeting.

Soutier advised the Board that he, along with Nancy Cross, Judy Davidson, Ed Finkelstein and Shannon Weber have been meeting with the NAACP to set up a luncheon to honor one labor leader and one rank and file member in September.

President Soutier reminded the Board of the Port Council dinner and asked if any member would like to attend since he had one available ticket. First Vice President, John Ebeling indicated that he would like to use the ticket.

Soutier informed the Board about a rally to be held tonight (Thursday, May 10) at 5:00 p.m. for AFT, Local #420 at the IBEW, Local #1 Hall.

President Soutier advised the Board that the June Executive Board meeting will be held at the conclusion of the Labor Summit, on June 13, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. The Council will provide lunch.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 Missouri Division reminded the Board that a Right to Work bill could still come up in the final weeks of the legislature.

Cross also spoke on the involvement of the Californian Nurses Association intervening in the election at St. Johns Hospital.

Tom George, President IBEW, Local #1 gave an update on the picketing at Best Buy.

Chico Humes, President GCC/IBT, Local #6-505M advised the Board that his Local has just been through a de-certification at "Print Pack." He informed us of how one-sided the National Labor Relations Board was.

Ed Finkelstein asked the Board for permission to call rank and file members from his Labor Tribune list to get responses for the Labor Summit. The Board voted to allow the calls to be made at random.

President Soutier spoke to the Board about the importance of joining the Midwest Healthcare Coalition.

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally,

Robert A. Soutier
President

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A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report as given.

C.O.P.E. REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 615.145 for March 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Gerard Burke, AFT #420, thanked President Soutier for supporting the local at a rally last week. Burke then spoke on the attack on the teachers and the school system by the legislature.

Robert Kortkamp, Missouri Alliance for Retired Americans, spoke on several issues in the legislature and the effect they have on seniors. Kortkamp urged all to attend a meeting on August 22, 2007 at the I.A.M. District 9 hall where identity theft and the Homestead Act will be discussed.

Mark Boyle, U.S.W.-Gas Workers 11-6, asked a question on the offer by Cingular to labor unions and how to get it. Robert Kortkamp advised him that you must go through the Internet to get the reduced pricing.

Sharon Penrod, S.E.I.U. Nurses Alliance, thanked the council for its help at St. John's Hospital.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune, thanked delegates for purchasing raffle tickets for the Boys Club.

Marcia Cline, SEIU Local #1, announced a memorial service being held for Winnie Lipmann on June 3, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Central Reform Congregation Church.

Chuck Decker, Ironworkers Local #396, advised the delegates that Circuit City had a lay off of one third of its work force and asked delegates not to shop there.

Gerard Burke, AFT #420, spoke on Thomas Jefferson Days and asked all to attend.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The community services' drawing was held.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the delegates, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Fraternally,

Robert A. Soutier, President
St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO

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May 2007

The following Delegates were present:

Administrator's Association of the St. Louis Public Schools, Local #44
137 Members

Aluminum, Brick & Glass Workers Local #169 – 308 Members

Amer. Fed. Of TV & Radio Artists
400 Members

Asbestos Workers Local 1 – 325 Members
John Stiffler

Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Bakers No. 4 – 1253 Members

Boilermakers Local 27 – 500 Members

Bricklayers No. 1 – 1102 Members
Joseph Schonlau
John Finder
John Hopkin

Chemical Workers Union No. 16 – 53 Members
No. 81 – 117 Members
No. 432 – 172 Members

Communications Workers No. 6310 – 1955 Members
Tony Ellebracht
No. 6320 – 3591 Members
Jim Kolve
No. 6350 – 421 Members
No. 6377 – 1001 Members
Earline Jones
Clara Shoals
No. 6390 – 333 Members

St. Louis Mailers Union No. 3/CWA 14620 – 200 Members

St. Louis Newspaper Guild No. 47/CWA 36047 – 567 Members
Shannon Duffy
Tony Pecinovsky
Joe Pollack
Laurie Waterhouse

Typographical Union No. 8/CWA No. 14616
150 Members

John Ebeling

Intl. Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers No. 818 – 28 Members
No. 823

No. 1104 – 20 Members
No. 1107 – 162 Members
No. 1114 – 197 Members

Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers No.1 – 4300 Members

Tom George
Tom Berger
John Clark
John Dirksen
Matt Gober
Jacob Hummel
Bernie Ryan

No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 408 Members
Michael Pendergast
No. 1439 – 752 Members
No. 1455 – 745 Members

Elevator Constructors No. 3 - 372 Members

Operating Engineers No. 2 – 1000 Members
Don Giljum
No. 148 – 697 Members

Hoisting Engineers No. 513
500 Members
Jeff Aboussie

Federal Labor and Trade Unions No. 20711 (Advertising, Publicity and Newspaper Representatives)
16 members
Ed Finkelstein

Fire Fighters No. 73 – 431 Members
No. 757 – 72 Members
No. 1889 – 144 Members
No. 2665 – 1518 Members
Mark Woolbright
No. 2677 – 21 Members

Food and Commercial Workers Retail Store Employees, No. 655
13,829 Members
Jim Dougherty

Levi Eddins III
Nancy Parker
Bill Swift

Lindbergh Federation of

**Food Service Employees
Local 6006 – 58 Members**

**Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastic
and Allied Workers (GMP)
Local 182B – 45 Members**

American Federation of

Government Employees

No. 900 – 200 Members
No. 1336 – 25 Members
No. 1711 – 14 Members
No. 3354 – 50 Members
No. 2461

(Mine Safety & Health Admin.)

GCC/IBT

International Union
No. 38 N – 120 Members

Dennis Clancy
William Sullivan

No. 6-505M – 1845 Members

Chico Humes
Donald Osiek
Kenneth Truemper

UNITE HERE No. 74 – 2000 Members

Kevin McNatt

Iron Workers

**Bridge and Structural
Iron Workers**

No. 396 – 850 Members

Tom McNeil
Mike Butler
Charles Decker
William Trendley
Frank Winterer

Laborers International Union

No. 42 – 250 Members

No. 110 – 500 Members

No. 660 – 225 Members

Perri Pryor

No. 718 – 100 Members

Letter Carriers Branch No. 343

1400 Members

Mike Chenot
Gus Frank
Pamela Stepney

Longshoremen

No. 1652 – 16 Members

No. 1765 – 294 Members

Machinists & Aerospace Workers

Progressive Lodge No. 41

817 Members

Michael Ribbert

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688

208 Members

Automotive Lodge No. 777

2641 Members

Dave Meinell

Terry Sutton

District 837 Lodge “A”

2000 Members

Rick Smith

Cheryl Mauldin

Steve Newell

Valdus Turner

District 837 Lodge “B”

1657 Members

Air Trans. Unity Lodge 949

200 Members

Production Workers Lodge 1345

2279 Members

Robert Soutier

James Dees

Glenn Donnelly

Robert Kortkamp

Lodge No. 1745 – 288 Members

Musicians No. 2-197 -1000 Members

Nurses Association of MO District 2

Missouri Society for Clinical

Social Work – 12 Members

Office and Professional Employees

No. 13 – 400 Members

No. 277 – 10 Members

Paul Winslow

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters

No. 562 -- 1000 Members

Patrick Kellett

Brian Chumley

Sprinkler Fitters No. 268

300 Members

Police Associations

Mo. Union of Law Enforcement

No. 57 – 88 Members

Postal Workers Union

St. Louis Gateway Area Local 8
 1500 Members
 Roosevelt Stewart
Local 7043 – 33 Members
Professional Airways System Specialist
(PASS) Gateway Chapter, #255
 43 Members
Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Wkrs.
Roofers No. 2 – 400 Members
Seafarers International Union
 300 Members
Service Employees Intl. Union
No. 1 (The MO Division)
 – 4181 Members
 Nancy Cross
 Marcia Cline
No. 880 – 111 Members
Sheet Metal Workers
No. 36 – 1650 Members
 David Zimmermann
 Joseph Feldman
I.A.T.S.E.
Theatrical Stage Employees,
Moving Picture Technicians,
Artists and Allied Crafts
Studio Mechanics
No. 493 – 72 Members
Theatrical Employees - (Ushers,
Usherettes and Ticket Takers)
No. B-2 – 300 Members
Theatrical Brotherhood – (Stage
Hands) No. 6 – 110 Members
Motion Picture Operators
No. 143 – 39 Members
Treasurers and Ticket Sellers
No. 774 – 71 Members
Theatrical Wardrobe Attendants
No. 805 – 22 Members
American Federation of State,
County and Municipal Employees
Institutional and Public
Employees No. 410
 Daniel Dyer
 Ervin Hupp
 Kris Mueller
No. 2730 – 500 Members
United Steel Workers International
Union

U.S.W. – Gasworkers, No. 11-6
 1072 Members
 Pat White
 Mark Boyle
 Scot Owens
 Michael Re
U.S.W., No. 11-152
U.S.W., No. 11-194
 273 Members
 Richard Dury
 Judy Eggers
 Paul Presson
U.S.W., No. 884
 97 Members
Steelworkers
No. 9014 – 905 Members
 Gary Reay
 Alfreda McNeal
Wholesale Upholsterers
No. 25 – 35 Members
Awning & Tent Workers & Decorators
Decorators & Displaymen
No. 39 – 50 Members
Teachers
St. Louis Teachers
No. 420 – 1881 Members
 Mary Armstrong
 Gerard Burke
Lindbergh Federation
No. 2420 – 8 Members
Ritenour Federation
No. 3198
Junior College Dist. Federation
No. 3506 – 99 Members
Wentzville Federation of School-
Related Employees,
No. 4894 – 108 Members
Transportation Communications Union
No. 512 – 250 Members
No. 554 – 127 Members
Transit Union
No. 788 – 1500 Members
 Herbert Dill
Transport Workers Union of America
No. 529 – 2035 Members
 Palmer Alexander
Transport Workers Union
Railroad Division

No. 1647 – 10 Members
Utility Workers
No. 335 – 313 Members
**U.N.I.T.E. – Union of Needletrades,
Industrial and Textile Employees**
St. Louis District Joint Board
No. 56A – 91 Members
No. 104 – 75 Members
No. 108
No. 183 – 2 Members
No. 193T – 74 Members
No. 254C – 32 Members
No. 255 – 91 Members
No. 428 – 35 Members
No. 17/55-56 – 37 Members
No. 2568 – 76 Members

**COUNCILS, DISTRICTS,
JOINT BOARDS**

Building and Construction Trades Council
Gerald Feldhaus
Communications Workers of America
City Council
Intl. Union of Electronic, Electrical,
Salaried, Machine & Furniture
Workers, IUE/CWA, District 8-6
MO State Conference of Electrical Workers
MO State Council of Fire Fighters
St. Louis District Iron Workers
District Council of St. Louis &
Vicinity
St. Louis Union Label and
Service Trades Council
Eastern Mo. Laborers
District Council
Machinists & Aerospace Workers
District 9
Roger Poole
District Lodge No. 837
Painter's District Council No. #2
Gary Otten
St. Louis Allied Printing Trades Council
Seafarers, St. Louis Port Council
Eastern Missouri Steel Council
SEIU MO / KS State Council
Teamsters Joint Council No. 13

AUXILIARIES

Missouri State AFL-CIO Aux.
International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers No. 1 Aux.
Graphic Communications Aux.
Allied Printing Trades Council Aux.
Auxiliary 29 to Typographical
Union No. #8

SUPPORT GROUPS

St. Louis Labor Council
Retirees Council
St. Louis Chapter, Coalition of
Black Trade Unionists
A. Philip Randolph Institute,
St. Louis Chapter (APRI)
Tony D. Hill
Coalition of Labor Union Women